

Sub-Milestone Work Outputs and Communications Plan

Work Element Reports

- a) **Meetings with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** - Frequent meetings between the EPA and DNR throughout the development of the work element reports to ensure that the proposed WQS modifications will be consistent with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and will be acceptable to EPA at the time of the official submittal to EPA.
- b) **Research** – The department will research information from EPA, other states, governmental agencies, etc. in development of the WQS modifications.
- c) **Implementation Coordination** – conduct intra-agency communications with affected programs within the DNR (Ex. NPDES, TMDL, 305b, etc.) continuously through the rule-making process to assure that the programs are informed and that the WQS modifications can be appropriately implemented.
- d) **Report** – The work element report will be distributed to stakeholders and all other interested parties.
- e) **Informational Item to EPC** – An informational item will be presented to the EPC before the Notice of the Intended Action as a means of informing both the EPC and the public of the general substance of each specific rule making effort.

Economic Analysis

- a) **Work Plan** – For each associated rule change in the time line, a work plan will be developed to summarize what information for the economic analysis is needed and why. The plan will outline who will be potentially affected, what the potential impacts are, what types of fiscal analysis will be used, what GIS coverages may be applicable, coordinate intra-agency assistance, etc.
- b) **List of affected streams** – A final list of affected streams will be generated. This list can be distributed upon request.
- c) **List of affected facilities** – Using the list of affected streams, a final list of affected or impacted facilities will be generated using available GIS projections and planimetric maps and will be cross-referenced with databases such as the NPDES Section's NPDS Permit Database. Example wasteload allocations may be calculated for potentially affected facilities to determine if the facility will, in fact, be impacted. This list can be distributed upon request.
- d) **Projected Costs** – Primarily, the projected costs of these WQS modifications will be associated with capital improvement costs for each treatment need. The department will perform research on what costs are associated with the specific treatment improvements needed to achieve compliance the new standard, etc. The lists of affected streams and facilities will be utilized during this process.
- e) **Projected benefits** – A narrative and quantitative projection will be made of the potential benefits to both the human and non-human uses of the impacted stream reaches.
- f) **Meeting(s) with the Legislative Services Agency or LSA** – These meetings will develop LSA concurrence with our approach to the fiscal impact statement and work through potential problem areas of the economic analysis.

Individual Stakeholder and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

- a) **Individual Stakeholder Meetings** – These meetings are designed to assess each stakeholder's concerns and provide the department with an understanding of where specific concerns are coming from and how to potentially address them.
- b) **Updated Draft sent out at least 10 days ahead of time** – Provide updated draft rules, if applicable, to TAC members for review.
- c) **TAC Meeting** – The first anticipated TAC meeting for a specific rule revision will generally be held one month after the informational item is presented to the EPC (see Work Element Reports, part e, above).